



25th Harm Reduction
International Conference

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SUNDAY 14 MAY 15:00-15:30	Level 3 Foyer	Museum of Drug Policy Walk Through The Museum of Drug Policy is a pop-up arts and cultural hub featuring live programming and art from around the world that highlights how drug policies impact and shape our communities. https://museumofdrugpolicy.org/	Open all of conference	Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rick Lines, HR 17 International Chair, Executive Director, Harm Reduction International• Daniel Wolfe, Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program at the Open Society Foundations•
SUNDAY 14 MAY 18:00-18:45	Press Conf Room Mansfield Room 6 Ground Level	Media Scrum	Opening Ceremony Speech 14 May 17:30	Speaker: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jane Philpott, Federal Minister of Health, Canada

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SUNDAY 14 MAY 18:30-20:30	Level 3 Foyer	Opening Reception - Museum of Drug Policy launch https://museumofdrugpolicy.org/	N/A	Speaker: • Daniel Wolfe, Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program at the Open Society Foundations
MONDAY, 15 MAY 10:30-11:15	Press Conf Room Mansfield Room 6 Ground Level	Opening Press Conference: Drug Checking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of conference, newsworthy data and other announcements at the conference • Evaluation of a fentanyl drug checking program for clients of a supervised injection site, Vancouver, Canada (<i>Oral Abstract 188</i>) • 20 years 'on-site' drug checking at music events: What did we see, what could we learn for efficient harm reduction? (<i>Oral Abstract 1196</i>) • Results of an international drug checking service for cryptomarket users (<i>Oral Abstract 588</i>) • Evaluation of an onsite Drug Checking integrated service: the Portuguese experience (<i>Oral Abstract 366</i>) • Drug checking: The Canadian Experience 	15 May14:00-15:30	Press Conference Chair: • Pat O'Hare, Board Member, Harm Reduction International Speakers: • Lisa Massicotte, HR17 Local Chair, Director-General, AIDQ, Montreal, Canada • Mark Lysyshyn, Medical Health Officer, Assistant Clinical Professor, School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia • Rainer Schmid, Associate Professor in Clinical Toxicology, Vienna, Austria • Mireia Ventura, Coordinator, Energy Control Drug Checking Service, Hospital del Mar, Barcelona, Spain • Helena Valente, Researcher, Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences of the Porto University, Portugal • Julie-Soleil Meeson, National Canadian Working Group on Drug Checking

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MONDAY 15 MAY 12:30-13:45	Mansfield Room 5 Ground Level	<p>Lunchtime Media Briefing</p> <p><i>At the Heart of the Response:</i></p> <p><i>A Special briefing by Harm Reduction International Experts on the Global State of Play of Harm Reduction</i></p>	Various	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Lines, HR 17 International Chair, Executive Director, Harm, Reduction International (HRI) • Katie Stone, Researcher, HRI • Cat Cook, Head of Research HRI • Fionnuala Murphy, Head of Advocacy, HRI
MONDAY 15 MAY 15:00-15:45	Press Conf Room Mansfield Room 6 Ground Level	<p>Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network briefing</p> <p><i>Harm Reduction in Canada: A Critical Juncture</i></p>	N/A	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Elliott, Executive Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network • Dr. Marilou Gagnon, Founder, Coalition of Nurses and Nursing Students for Supervised Injection Services • Donald MacPherson, Director, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition • Trevor Stratton, Coordinator, International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS at the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network • Jordan Westfall, President, Canadian Association of People who Use Drugs

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TUESDAY 16 May 09:45-10:30	Press Conf Room Mansfield Room 6 Ground Level	<p>Overdose in North America: Policy and Practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Heroin in Transition (part one): Supply changes, adulteration and consequences (<i>Oral Abstract 1403</i>) • "Overamping" - An Understudied Overdose Experience among People Who Inject Drugs (<i>Oral Abstract 518</i>) • Inmates are our favourite mates: correction based take-home Naloxone (<i>Oral Abstract 525</i>) 	16 May 11:00-12:30	<p>Press Conference Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John-Peter Kools Chair, Harm Reduction International <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan Ciccarone, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, University of California, San Francisco, USA • Robin Pollini, Senior Research Scientist, Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation, Maryland, USA • A. Cherniwchan, Canadian Coalition for Drug Policy

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TUESDAY 16 May 11:30-12:15	Press Conf Room Mansfield Room 6 Ground Level	Innovative Harm Reduction based on User Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methamphetamine and heroin 'cocktail' injecting as harm reduction: Qualitative findings from a community-recruited cohort of people who inject drugs in Melbourne, Australia (<i>Oral Abstract 785</i>) • Intentional use of cannabis to reduce crack cocaine use among people who use drugs in a Canadian setting: a longitudinal analysis (<i>Oral Abstract 473</i>) • Psychedelic use predicts reduced suicidality: Findings from a longitudinal study of women sex workers in Vancouver, Canada (<i>Oral Abstract 215</i>) 	17 May 11:00-12:30	Press Conference Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Cook, Senior Researcher, Harm Reduction International Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Palmer, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia • Maria Eugenia Socias, Post Doctorate Fellow, University of British Columbia, Canada • Elena Argento, Researcher, Gender and Sexual Health Initiative, B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Vancouver, Canada